

Masses and Services

22nd - 30th August 2020

Ramsey

Saturday	6.30 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	11.00 am	Laurence Cummins
Monday	10.00 am	Mary Wilson
Tuesday	10.00 am	Catholic Clergy I.O.M.
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Private Intention
Thursday	10.00 am	John Woolum
Friday	10.00 am	Nancy Martin (5th Anniv.)
Saturday	12.30 pm	Benefactors
	6.30 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	11.00 am	Susan Teare

Peel

10.00 am	Communion Service
9.00 am	John Sidney Kelly
10.00 am	Communion Service
7.30 pm	Joyce Moore
10.00 am	Communion Service
Midday	Pat Ventre
Midday	Mary Wilson
10.00 am	Communion Service
9.00 am	Joyce Leadley

Confessions

Ramsey : Saturday, after 12.30 pm Mass & 5.45-6.15 pm. Wed. 7.00-7.20 pm

Peel: Sunday 8.30-8.50am

Feastdays of the Week

Monday	St. Bartholomew. Apostle.
Tuesday	St. Louis. 13th century King of France.
Wednesday	Blessed Dominic Barberi. Italian Passionist who received St. John Henry Newman into the Church.
Thursday	St. Monica. 4th century mother of St. Augustine of Hippo.
Friday	St. Augustine of Hippo.
Saturday	The Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

Readings for the Week

24th August 2020 – Monday

Apoc 21:9-14; Ps 144:10-13,17-18; Jn 1:45-51

25th August 2020 – Tuesday

2 Thess 2:2,14-17; Ps 95:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

26th August 2020 – Wednesday

2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 127:1-2,4-5; Mt 23:27-32

27th August 2020 – Thursday

1 Cor 1: 1-9; Ps 144:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

28th August 2020 – Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 32:1-2,4-5,10-11; Mt 25:1-13

29th August 2020 – Saturday

Jer 1:17-19; Ps 70:1-6,15,17; Mk 6:17-29

Prayer of the Faithful: Jesus, you are the Christ,
Response: the Son of the living God.



A reminder that we have Suggestion/Questions boxes in both Parishes.

From time to time you may have wondered about some point of Church teaching or liturgical practice, but did not seek an answer. Now there is an opportunity to do so. In both Parishes there will be a Question/Suggestion Box into which such items can be inserted. Answers will be published in our Sunday Message.

Fr. Michael Thompson has arrived in Castletown to be Parish Priest, but is now self-isolating as required by law. Fr. Joseph expects to be in Castletown until early September.

Catholic News Bites

Hospitals in China's Xinjiang province regularly commit forced late-term abortions on Uyghur women and kill newborn Uyghur babies to enforce China's family planning policies, according to a former hospital worker in the region. Speaking to Radio Free Asia, Hasiyet Abdulla, who presently lives in Turkey, described the conditions in hospitals in Xinjiang. Many Uyghurs, an ethnic minority group in China, have fled to Turkey. According to Abdulla, hospital maternity wards in Xinjiang strictly enforce family planning laws, including limiting Uyghurs to three children in rural areas or two in urban regions. Additionally, a Uyghur woman is required to wait a certain number of years between births.

A new Pew Research poll shows white and Hispanic Catholics split over who they will vote for in the **2020 USA Presidential Elections**. According to a survey of 11,001 American adults conducted in July and August, released on 13 August, Pew found clear differences among racial groups within religious denominations over who they supported in the upcoming presidential election. Pew found that registered voters who identify as white Catholics planned to support President Donald Trump by a margin of 19 points; 59% to 40%. Of those survey respondents who said they were supporting Trump in November, 42% said they "strongly" favoured Trump. Only half of Joe Biden's white Catholic supporters said they were "strongly" supporting the former vice president. The margin of error for the survey of white Catholics was listed as +/- 4 percentage points. Conversely, among registered voters who identified as Hispanic Catholics, only 33% said they were supporting Trump, with 20% of those saying they "strongly" supported the president's reelection. Sixty-five percent of Hispanic Catholics surveyed said they supported Biden, with 23% of those saying that they "strongly" supported the candidate.

As life returns to normal in **Italy, Catholic pilgrimage destinations** are celebrating feasts publicly again. But, there's one thing glaringly missing: international pilgrims. "Until there is greater certainty, we won't see a full recovery," Sergio Destito, spokesman for the Diocese of Rome's Pilgrim Office spokesman told EWTN News last week. COVID-19 has taken its toll. Italy's National Tourism Agency reports a full 90% drop in total bookings from non-Italians between 13 July and 23 August. The agency projects 35 million fewer international visitors will come to Italy in 2020 than did last year.

International tourism to Italy from many non-European countries, which includes pilgrimages, is deemed "non-essential travel" and barred. But, even within Europe, most people are playing it safe and staying close to home. Visits to Italy from neighbouring France and Spain, where COVID-19 cases are again on the rise, are down by 80-90%.